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1. PAK TIMES MAY 3 PROVIDES SOME DETAILS ON FIRST MEETING OF LIBYA-PAKISTAN JOINT MINISTERIAL COMMISSION IN TRIPOLI APRIL 21-25. JOINT MINISTERIAL COMMISSION WAS ESTABLISHED UNDER COOPERATION AGREEMENT SIGNED DURING LIBYAN PRESIDENT'S QADDAFI'S STATE VISIT IN FEBRUARY, WHICH FOLLOWED ISLAMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN LAHORE (REFTEL). LIBYAN DELEGATION HEADED BY ABDUL ATTI EL-OBEIDI, LABOR MINISTER AND ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER. PAK DELEGATION WAS LED BY AZIZ AHMED, MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENSE AND

FOREIGN AFFAIRS. IN TRIPOLI FURTHER PROTOCOL ON ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL COOPERATION WAS SIGNED, WHICH SETS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UP COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS WHICH IS TO SUBMIT RECOMMENDA-

TIONS TO JOINT MINISTERIAL COMMISSION. FIRST MEETING
OF COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST, 1974 IN ISLAMABAD.

2. ECONOMIC COOPERATION. IN ECONOMIC AREA JOINT
COMMISSION REPORTEDLY REACHED ACCORD ON FOLLOWING:

A) AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO ESTABLISH JOINT
LIBYAN-PAKISTANI DEVELOPMENT BANK WITH HEADQUARTERS IN
KARACHI. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED TO WORK OUT
DETAILS IS TO MEET IN JULY.

B) ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT SHIPPING COMPANY.

C) ANNOUNCEMENT THAT LIBYAN ECONOMIC DELEGATION
WILL VISIT PAKISTAN IN AUGUST TO STUDY PROJECTS SUITABLE
FOR COOPERATION. LAR HAS REPORTEDLY AGREED TO FACILITATE
PARTICIPATION OF PAK CONSULTING FIRMS IN DEVELOPMENT PRO-
JECTS IN LIBYA.

D) ANNOUNCEMENT THAT TWO COUNTRIES WILL ENTER
INTO AGREEMENT FOR AVOIDING DOUBLE TAXATION AND FOR
FACILITATING FREE MOVEMENT OF CAPITAL BETWEEN THEM. JOINT
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY IS ALSO TO BE ESTABLISHED.

3. EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL. COMMISSION AGREED TO
JOINT PRODUCTION OF TV AND MOVIE FILMS, EXCHANGE
OF RADIO AND TV PROGRAMS, EXCHANGE OF TEACHERS AND
JOURNALISTS. IT WAS ALSO REPORTEDLY DECIDED TO ARRANGE
EQUIVALENCE OF EDUCATIONAL DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES.

4. ISLAM. COMMISSION DECIDED IN PRINCIPLE TO ESTAB-
LISH ISLAMIC CENTER IN PAKISTAN PRESUMABLY WITH HEAVY
LIBYAN FINANCIAL SUPPORT, TO ENCOURAGE RESEARCH IN ISLAMIC
STUDIES. A COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS IS TO BE SELECTED TO WORK
OUT JOINT VENTURE FOR PUBLICATION OF STUDIES ON ISLAMIC
HERITAGE.

5. COMMENT. HIGH IMPORTANCE WHICH GOP ATTACHED TO
JOINT COMMISSION MEETING IS INDICATED BY HIGH-LEVEL LEADER-
SHIP OF PAK DELEGATION. MOST SIGNIFICANT RESULT OF MEETING
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WOULD APPEAR TO BE AGREEMENT TO JOINT DEVELOPMENT BANK;
HOWEVER, ANNOUNCEMENT THAT AGREEMENT ONLY "IN PRINCIPLE"
SUGGESTS THAT THERE MAY BE SOME DISAGREEMENT ON HOW MUCH
OF FINANCING BURDEN LARG WILL ABSORB. MORE REVEALING IN-
DICATIONS OF EXTENT TO WHICH LARG IS PREPARED TO BE GEN-
EROUS TO PAKISTAN IN ECONOMIC AREA WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO
AWAIT JULY MEETING ON DEVELOPMENT BANK AND
OUTCOME OF VISIT OF LIBYAN ECONOMIC DELEGATION

IN AUGUST. WE DO UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT LARG HAS RECENTLY PROVIDED LOAN OF \$30 MILLION TO PAKISTAN. TERMS ARE UNKNOWN BUT ARE NOT BELIEVED TO BE ESPECIALLY CONCESSIONAL.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY TRIPOLI COMMENTS.
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